

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 6, 13, 16, 21 and 23 have been amended and claim 22 has been cancelled.

Claim 6 is objected to because it has a typographical error. Claim 6 has been amended to correct this error. Accordingly, this objection should be withdrawn.

Claim 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite because there is insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation "the cable securing assembly" recited in claim 13. Claim 13 has been amended to depend from claim 12 which provides antecedent basis for the limitation "the cable securing assembly." Therefore, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 16, 22, 23 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Girvin (US Patent No. 6,382,370). Claims 16 has been amended to clarify that the actuator control assembly is configured to facilitate the repeated switching of the actuator assembly directly between the first position and any one of the alternative second positions and corresponding second suspension settings. Girvin merely describes a switch mechanism 15 positionable between two positions, fully open or fully closed, in the pictured embodiment, or alternatively between more than two positions, one of the positions being fully closed. Accordingly, Girvin does not permit repeated switching of an actuator assembly directly between a first position and any one of alternative second positions and corresponding second suspension settings according to the present invention. Therefore, the rejection of claim 16 should be withdrawn.

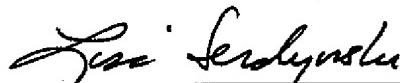
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Claims 22, 23 and 26 were rejected as claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). Since claims 22, 23 and 26 depend directly or indirectly from and contain all the limitations of claim 16, they are felt to overcome the 102 rejection in the same manner as claim 16.

This amendment is believed to be fully responsive to the comments and suggestions of the Examiner and to place this application in condition for allowance. Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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